

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison
Company (U 338-E) for Approval of Fuel
Hedging Cost Recovery.

Application 02-03-016

ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S SCOPING MEMO AND RULING

Summary

This ruling sets forth the scope, schedule, category, assignment of the principal hearing officer, and ex parte communications rules for this proceeding following an August 1, 2002 Prehearing Conference (PHC) that was continued from May 30, 2002.

Scope of Proceeding

The issues in this proceeding are reasonableness of hedging expenses and cost recovery.

Schedule

The schedule for this proceeding, except for briefing and submittal dates to be determined at the conclusion of an evidentiary hearing, is as follows:

Date	Activity
September 24, 2002	- Interested Parties' Testimony
October 15, 2002	- Rebuttal Testimony
October 28, 2002	- Evidentiary Hearing Starts
October 29 –	- Evidentiary Hearing Continues,
November 1, 2002	as needed

The parties should limit their testimony to matters involving the identified issues. Any request for final oral argument before the Commission should be made as part of comments on the proposed decision.

My goal is to resolve this matter no later than January 2003. However, in no event will resolution exceed 18 months from the date of filing this application, pursuant to SB 960, Section 12 and Rule 6(e) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules).

Category of Proceeding

This ruling confirms the Commission's preliminary finding in Resolution ALJ 176-3084, dated March 21, 2002, that this proceeding is a ratesetting proceeding, as described in Rule 5(c).

Assignment of Principal Hearing Officer

ALJ Galvin will act as principal hearing officer in this proceeding, pursuant to Rule 5(l).

Ex Parte Communications

Parties shall observe and comply with the Commission's ex parte communications rules as identified in the May 17, 2002 Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Setting a PHC.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The scope and schedule for this proceeding is set forth herein.
2. An evidentiary hearing in the proceeding shall be held beginning at 10:00 a.m., October 28, 2002 and continue, as needed, through and including November 1, 2002, in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.
3. The briefing schedule and submittal date shall be determined at the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing.

4. Any request for final oral argument before the Commission shall be made as part of comments on the proposed decision.

5. Any settlement conference that may occur in this proceeding shall comply with the Commission's Rules on Settlement Conferences.

6. This ruling confirms that this application is a ratesetting proceeding for the purpose of Article 2.5.

7. The principal hearing officer in this proceeding is Administrative Law Judge Galvin.

8. Parties shall observe and comply with the ex parte communications rules set forth in Rules 7 and 7.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and as discussed in the Assigned Commissioner's May 17, 2002 Ruling Setting a Prehearing Conference.

Dated August 7, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CARL WOOD

Carl Wood
Assigned Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated August 7, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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